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**EXHIBIT A** 

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- 1. On March 3, 2021 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code ("Bankruptcy Code"), thereby commencing the above-captioned bankruptcy case. Elissa D. Miller was appointed as the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee") and has been serving in that capacity since.
- 2. Following her appointment, the Trustee reviewed the pleadings and other documents filed in the case and met with the Debtor. She also examined the Debtor at its meeting of creditors.
- 3. The Trustee learned that prior to the Petition Date, the Debtor was in the car rental and chauffeuring business. According to the Debtor its business suffered even before the pandemic due to the likes of Uber and Lyft. The pandemic, according to the Debtor was the death knell of the business.
- 4. At the time the Debtor ceased operating and filed the case, the Debtor owned the following four automobiles free and clear (the "Assets"). According to the Debtor, the condition of the all but the Suburban which is listed as good, is poor to fair with high mileage.

2015 Chevrolet Suburban – Black 2015 Toyota Prius – Black 2015 Toyota Prius – Gray 2013 Ford Escape - Black

- 5. The Trustee and Spear met and viewed the Assets and so that Spear could value the Assets for Auction purposes.
- 6. I have determined that the best and most feasible manner for liquidating the Assets is through the employment of Spear.
- 7. Following discussions, Spear and I agreed that it was economically beneficial to sell the Assets and that Spear would move the assets to a safe location where they can be safeguarded prior to the sale.
- 8. As this time, in order to facilitate the foregoing sale, it is necessary for me to employ a duly bonded auctioneer. Upon the granting of this application, I will retain

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27 28 and employ Spear. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is the Auction Proposal ("Auction Plan"). Spear has requested and I have agreed that it may subcontract portions of the work to R.L.

- 9. Notice of this application to employ Spear (the "Notice") is being served concurrently herewith and is being serviced on all creditors parties in interest.
- 10. The Sale will be conducted as an Internet Auction on the earliest date following the approval of the employment to allow for optimal advertising. The advertising will provide that the items may be previewed at 11473 Gladstone Ave., Unit L, Sylmar, CA 91432 prior to the bid close date. Concurrently with filing this Application, I am posting the notice of sale pursuant to Local Rule 6004-2 on the Court's website and Spear will also advertise the sale to the public.
- 11. Based on Spear's review of the Assets, Spear is estimating the auction value of the Assets will be approximately \$25,000.
- 12. Spear has agreed to conduct the Auction as a public sale and in consideration therefore will receive a ten percent (10%) commission from the estate, and a (13%) buyer's premium from the purchasers plus an expense allowance from the estate of not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- 13. As detailed in the attached Auction Plan, the costs include advertising, labor, permits, etc.
- 14. The Declaration of David Spear is attached hereto. Mr. Spear is a disinterested parties within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 101(14). Based on Auctions conducted by Spear for me in other cases and for other Trustees, I am confident that Spear is fully competent to perform the services for which his is being employed. A true and correct copy of Spear's resume is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and his General Auction Bond as **Exhibit 3**.
- 15. Spear will collect and pay sales tax under its resale license on all sales plus the buyers' premium. As the party collecting the funds, Spear is required by law to file sales tax returns and remit the tax.

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- 16. The Auction will be an internet only auction. However, prior to the sale the assets will be available to view on a specifically advertised day at set hours at the address above. After the sale, successful buyers will be required to come to the same location (11473 Gladstone Ave., Unit L, Sylmar, CA 91432) to pick up their purchases. At all times when the assets are on view or available for pick up, a representative of Spear will be present.
- 17. Assets left at the conclusion of the sale, if any, will be abandoned back to the Debtor.
- 18. I wish to be able to pay Spear in accordance with the procedures set forth in Supervisory Instruction #10. Spear understands that the gross proceeds shall be turned over to the Trustee, along an accounting within 21 days after the sale. Within 30 days of receipt of the Report of Auctioneer, the trustee shall file with the court the Report with a brief Declaration asserting that: the Trustee has compared the Report of Auctioneer to the list of items/lots sold, indicating the Report is satisfactory, and request entry of an order approving the payment of compensation to Spear pursuant to the Notice of Sale and Report of Auctioneer and exoneration of the auctioneer of his bonds.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that I be authorized to employ R.L. Spear Co, Inc. as my auctioneer, for authority for Spear to conduct a public sale, and to pay Spear in accordance with the terms set forth herein upon entry of an Order, and that this Court grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and property.

DATED:April 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Elissa D. Miller

Elissa D. Miller Chapter 7 Trustee

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### STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTEDNESS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSON UNDER BANKRUPTCY RULE 2014

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The following information is supplied in conformity with United States Bankruptcy Court,

Central District of California, Form No. 2014-1]

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Name, address and telephone number of the professional ("the Professional") 1. submitting this Statement:

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R.L. Spear Co., Inc., 5776 D Lindero Canyon Rd., #409, Westlake Village, CA 91362, 818 735-0822

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2. The services to be rendered by the Professional in this case are (specify):

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The Professional will act as auctioneer for the Estate of Simply Hybrid, LLC, Elissa D.

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Miller, Chapter 7 Trustee.

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3. The terms and source of the proposed compensation and reimbursement of the Professional are (specify):

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10% commission from estate; 13% buyer's premium plus costs estimated at not greater than \$2,000.00.

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4. The nature and terms of retainer (i.e., nonrefundable versus an advance against fees) half by the Professional are (specify):

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None.

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The investigation of disinterestedness made by the Professional prior to submitting 5. this Statement consisted of (specify):

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I have carefully reviewed Spear's files and have determined that no conflict exists in connection with this matter. I have determined that Spear does not represent anyone with any interests adverse to the Estate. Further, Spear represents no creditor or other party in this Chapter 7 case and has no interest adverse to the Debtor or the Estate. Therefore, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, Spear is a disinterested party in the Debtor's Chapter 7 case as that term

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is defined by the Bankruptcy Code.

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The following is a complete description of all of the Professional's connections with the debtor, principals of the debtor, insiders, the debtor's creditors, any other party or parties in interest, and their respective attorneys and accountants, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):

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None

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1	7.	The Professional is not a creditor, an equity security holder or an insider of the						
2		debtor, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):						
3		N/A						
4	8. The Professional is not and was not an investment banker for any outstanding security of the debtor.							
5	9. The Professional has not been within three (3) years before the date of the fili							
6	the petition herein, an investment banker for a security of the debtor, or an attorney for such an investment banker in connection with the offer, sale or issuance of any security of the debtor.							
7	10.	The Professional is not and was not, within two (2) years before the date of the						
8 9	filing of the petition herein, a director, officer or employee of the debtor or of investment banker for any security of the debtor.							
10	11.	The Professional neither holds nor represents any interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders with						
11		respect to the matter on which the Professional is to be employed, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor or						
12	an investment banker for any security of the debtor, or for any other reason, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):							
13		N/A						
14 15	12.	Name, address and telephone number of the person signing this Statement on behalf of the Professional and the relationship of such person to the Professional (specify):						
16		David Spear, R.L. Spear, 5776 D Lindero Canyon Rd., #409,						
17		Westlake Village, CA 91362, 818 735-0822						
18	13.	The Professional is not a relative or employee of the United States Trustee or a Bankruptcy Judge, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as						
19		necessary):s						
20		n/a						
21	14.	Total number of attached pages of supporting documentation: 11						
22	After conducting or supervising the investigation described in Paragraph 5 above, I							
23	declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the							
24	foregoing is true and correct except that I declare that Paragraphs 6 through 11 are							
25	stated on information and belief.							
26	DATE	D: _October2019 Respectfully submitted,						
27		April 7, 2021 R.L. Spear Co, Inc.						
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**DECLARATION OF ELISSA D. MILLER** 

I, Elissa D. Miller, do hereby declare:

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- 1. That I am the duly appointed Trustee in the above estate.
- 2. I have prepared the foregoing application and know its contents to be true and correct.
- 3. I have read the Declaration of David Spear. I am familiar with the firm and know it to be a competent auctioneer. In addition to the information set forth in the attached resume, I discussed with Mr. Spear, Spear's experience in selling similar assets.
- 4. I am satisfied that Spear is a disinterested persons as defined by the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and that the employment of Spear under the circumstances and terms set forth herein is in the best interest of this bankruptcy estate.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed April 9, 2021, at Los Angeles, California.

/s/ Elissa D. Miller Elissa D. Miller. Trustee

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

## R.L. Spear Co., Inc. 5776 D Lindero Canyon Road, #409 Westlake Village, CA 91362 818/735-0822 fax 805/845-3808 www.rlspear.com

March 23, 2021

Elissa Miller Chapter 7 Trustee

via e-mail: emiller@sulmeyerlaw.com

Dear Ms. Miller,

Thank you for allowing me to inspect the assets of the estate located at 150 W. Ivy, Inglewood, CA. After our inspection of the assets, (4 hybrid vehicles) I believe that a public online auction will maximize return to the estate by liquidating the assets in a timely and efficient manner.

#### **ASSETS**

The assets consist of 4 hybrid vehicles, used in the estate's car rental business.

#### **SCOPE**

Let me briefly discuss our auction process, so that you are aware of considerations concerning time and costs.

Upon employment, R.L. Spear, Co., Inc. will immediately post on its website and several other websites announcement of an upcoming sale of the vehicles.

As soon as practicable, we will transport the vehicles to property controlled by R.L. Spear Co. for storage and sale. We will catalog and photograph all items for posting on our website at RLSpear.com. All estate property will be posted on our website for viewing by interested parties.

Advertising is the most critical component of a successful auction. We will use a three-pronged approach by contacting our extensive buyer base of over 10,000 auction buyers, by

advertising in local and national media, and by targeting those companies most likely to have an interest in purchasing the assets.

The auction will be scheduled at a time and date that best allows proper notice and advertising coverage, while minimizing storage costs. We will work with you in determining a best possible sale date as soon as possible, with the goal of finalizing auction sale in April, 2021.

Upon completion of the sale, our computer will print invoices for every registered buyer against which we will release the merchandise. Nothing is taken before the end of the sale or before the bill is paid in full. A full accounting of all auction proceeds is provided to you. To protect both us and our client all bills are to be paid either in cash, cashier's check, Mastercard or Visa, business check with a bank letter of guaranteed payment, or business check with the client's approval. The checkout process begins after the conclusion of the sale. All vehicles will be transferred to the buyer's within several days of auction sale.

#### **COMPENSATION**

R.L. Spear Co. will receive as compensation 10% of gross receipts. Commission will be deducted from the proceeds of the sale if deemed acceptable by the Court.

We will charge a 13% Buyer's Premium to all buyers at the auction. This is a standard charge that has become customary at auction sales, and auction buyers will be aware that a premium will be paid and retained by R.L. Spear Co.

#### **EXPENSES**

Expenses for this sale, including all advertising, labor, permits, etc., shall be reimbursed to R.L. Spear Co., Inc. from auction proceeds. No outlay of cash will be required from you for purposes of advertising and/or conducting the auction sale. At this time, we estimate expenses at no more than \$2,000.00 which is primarily for transportation, storage and cleaning.

#### **ESTIMATE**

We estimate the value of the 4 vehicles to be approximately \$25,000.00 at a publicly advertised and held auction.

We have found the on-line auction method to be superior for selling inventories and equipment from a return standpoint as well as from a time management perspective. We look forward to another sale in which all parties are well satisfied.

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If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me via cell or email.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

David Spear

David Spear

R.L. Spear Co., Inc.

**EXHIBIT 2** 

## R.L. Spear Co., Inc. David Spear, Auctioneer RESUME

Founded 1963

Incorporated 1973

R.L. Spear Co., Inc. provides services related to asset conversion for general industry, commercial enterprises and estates. Services include outcall auctions, web-cast auctions, internet auctions, closed bid sales, liquidations, appraisals, outright purchases and merchandise sold on consignment.

Auction experience includes 50 years in industrial and commercial auction sales. David Spear has worked in the auction field since 1967, providing auction coordination and logistic services, and has served as head auctioneer since 1989. He has conducted approximately 2500 auctions, locally and nationwide.

Member: National Auctioneer's Association

California State Auctioneer Association

Southern California Auctioneer's Association

Trustee- SCAA 1997-2019, Vice-President 2006-07

President- 2008-2009

Bond: # MS237-58-08 Great American Insurance Co.

Graduate, Missouri Auction School, 2004

All auction records kept by Maxanet Auction Systems

Experience in live out-call auctions, internet auctions, simultaneous live and on-line call auctions, sealed bids, bulk-sale offers, negotiated private treaty sales, estate sales and liquidation sales.

R.L. Spear Co., Inc. has auctioned assets in many different industries. Typical categories include computers and data processing equipment, printing and mailing equipment, metal working machinery, warehouse equipment, office supplies, office furniture and equipment, restaurant equipment, woodworking equipment, commercial store fixtures and equipment, pharmaceutical equipment, cinemagraphic and video equipment, recording equipment, trucks and heavy equipment, aerospace supplies and equipment, garment manufacturing equipment, automotive parts inventories, vehicles, consumer goods and electronics, estates & household furnishings, test equipment, etc.

R.L. Spear Co., Inc. has provided auction and appraisal services for private and public companies as well as banks, financial institutions, leasing companies, FTC, SEC, FDIC, State of California, State Court, Federal Court, Probate Court, State Court Receivers and Trustees of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

# R.L. Spear Co., Inc.

#### Reference List

James H. Donell Receiver of Citadel Capital 310/ 207-8481

Robb Evans & Associates Receiver for Mowbray Tree Service, et al. Brick Kane Kent Johnston 818/ 768-8100

Byron Moldo Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors, HBS Equipment Corp. 310/ 551-3100

Rob Chute Facilities Coordinator Herbalife 310/ 410-9600 x52160

Ray Wolffe President Bardwell & McAlister Inc. 818/ 771-1281

Robert Greenfield Warner Bros. Studio Facilities 818/ 954-5690

**EXHIBIT 3** 

BOND NO. <b>999021998</b>	\$100,000.00				
SURET	Y BOND				
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, TH	AT, R. L. Spear Co., Inc.				
United States Trustee hereinafter called the Oblig	und unto the United States of America and/or the				
Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents	the many and and are start the Oblines the Drive in all				
Dollars (\$100,000.00 ) for the payment whereof to the Obligee, the Principal and Surety hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.					
the United States Trustee and/or the United States	all from time to time conduct auctions on behalf of as Bankruptcy Court, and as a condition to perform that a surety bond be posted to secure the <u>faithful</u>				
Principal shall faithfully perform the duties of a	this obligation is such that if the above bound in auctioneer and account for all monies received is of the United States Trustee and/or the United all be null and void.				
thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the O	ety or Principal may cancel this bond by giving obligee such notice to be given by certified mail. curred under this bond prior to the effective date of				
LIABILITY UNDER THIS BOND SHALL CON October , 2019 .	MMENCE ON THE 25th DAY OF				
SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED THIS 25th	DAY OF October , 2019 .				
ATTEST:	R. L. Spear Co., Inc. Principal (Auctioneer)				
	By:				
1919 CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY IN STATE OF THE	The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company Surety  By: Maline R. Weilersbacher - Attorney in Fact				

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bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Principal: R. L. Spear Co., Inc.	
Agency Name: E. R. Munro & Company	Bond Number: 999021998
Obligee: United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of CA	
Bond Amount: (\$100,000.00 ) One Hundred Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents	

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire (herein collectively called the "Company"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint Nadine R. Weilersbacher in the city and state of Pittsburgh, PA, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of the Company has been affixed thereto this 26th day of September, 2016.

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The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

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On this 26th day of September, 2016, before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as duly To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal Teresa Pastella. Notary Public Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County My Commission Expires March 28, 2021 er Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, which is now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-infact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature or electronic signatures of any assistant secretary of the Company or facsimile or mechanically reproduced or electronic seal of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney or bond issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Company is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Company this 25th day of October 2019



Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

on any business day

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): APPLICATION BY CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY R.L. SPEAR CO., INC. AS AUCTIONEER; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SALE BY AUCTIONEER AND TO PAY AUCTIONEER UPON CONCLUSION OF SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS HEREOF; STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTEDNESS; DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) April 15, 2021 I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below: Stephen L Burton on behalf of Debtor Simply Hybrid, LLC steveburtonlaw@aol.com, ellie.burtonlaw@gmail.com Elissa Miller (TR) CA71@ecfcbis.com, MillerTrustee@Sulmeyerlaw.com;C124@ecfcbis.com;ccaldwell@sulmeyerlaw.com United States Trustee (LA) ustpregion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov ☐ Service information continued on attached page. 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: On (date) April 15, 2021, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. ✓ Service information continued on attached page. 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (date) \_, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. ☐ Service information continued on attached page. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. April 15, 2021 Cheryl Caldwell /s/Cheryl Caldwell

This form is mandatory. It has been approved for use by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION (if needed):

#### 2. SERVED BY U.S. MAIL

<u>Debtor</u> Simply Hybrid, LLC 150 W Ivy Avenue Inglewood, Ca 90302-2907

#### **All Creditors**

Ali Saman 1824 Fairford Drive Fullerton, CA 92833-1511 Ottmar Benavides c/o Law Offices of Benjamin Davidson 8383 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 830 Beverly Hills, CA 90211-2445 William Becker Attorney at Law 2711 North Sepulveda Blvd Suite 236 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-2725 Case 2:21-bk-11697-BR Doc 32 Filed 05/28/21 Entered 05/28/21 12:10:26 Desc Main Document Page 24 of 61

**EXHIBIT B** 

Attorney or Party Name, Address, Telephone & FAX Nos., State Bar No. & Email Address	FOR COURT USE ONLY				
Elissa D. Miller emiller@sulmeyerlaw.com 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400 Los Angeles, CA 90071-1406 Telephone 213.626.2311 Facsimile 213.629.4520					
☐ Debtor(s) appearing without an attorney ☐ Chapter 7 Trustee					
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT					
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	A – LOS ANGELES DIVISION				
In re:	CASE NO.: 2:21-bk-11697-BR				
SIMPLY HYBRID, LLC,	CHAPTER: 7				
	NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING ON MOTION [LBR 9013-1(o)]				
Debtor(s).	[No hearing unless requested in writing]				
TO THE U.S. TRUSTEE AND ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO	O NOTICE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:				
Spear Co., Inc. As Auctioneer; To Authorize Public S Conclusion Of Sale In Accordance With The Terms H Support Thereof [Docket No. 15]	lereof; Statement Of Disinterestedness; Declaration In				
<ol><li>Movant(s) is requesting that the court grant the Motion w</li></ol>	ntilout a riearing as provided for in LBR 9013-1(0), unless a				

3. The Motion is based upon the legal and factual grounds set forth in the Motion. (Check appropriate box below):

party in interest timely files and serves a written opposition to the Motion and requests a hearing.

In the full Motion is attached to this notice; or

The full Motion was filed with the court as docket entry #\_\_\_\_\_, and a detailed description of the relief sought is attached to this notice.

- 4. **DEADLINE FOR FILING AND SERVING OPPOSITION PAPERS AND REQUEST FOR A HEARING:** Pursuant to LBR 9013-1(o), any party who opposes the Motion may request a hearing on the Motion. The deadline to file and serve a written opposition and request for a hearing is 14 days after the date of service of this notice, plus 3 additional days if you were served by mail or pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5(b)(2)(D) or (F).
  - a. If you timely file and serve a written opposition and request for a hearing, movant will file and serve a notice of hearing at least 14 days in advance of the hearing. [LBR 9013-1(o)(4)]
  - b. If you fail to comply with this deadline:
    - (1) Movant will file a declaration to indicate: (1) the Motion was properly served, (2) the response period elapsed, and (3) no party filed and served a written opposition and request for a hearing within 14 days after the date of service of the notice [LBR 9013-1(o)(3)];
    - (2) Movant will lodge an order that the court may use to grant the Motion; and
    - (3) The court may treat your failure as a waiver of your right to oppose the Motion and may grant the Motion without further hearing and notice. [LBR 9013-1(h)]

	Respectfully submitted,
Date: <u>04/15/2021</u>	/s/Elissa D. Miller
	Signature of Movant or attorney for Movant
	Elissa D. Miller
	Printed name of Moyant or attorney for Moyant

# **ATTACHMENT**

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- 1. On March 3, 2021 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 7 of Title 11 of the United States Code ("Bankruptcy Code"), thereby commencing the above-captioned bankruptcy case. Elissa D. Miller was appointed as the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee") and has been serving in that capacity since.
- 2. Following her appointment, the Trustee reviewed the pleadings and other documents filed in the case and met with the Debtor. She also examined the Debtor at its meeting of creditors.
- 3. The Trustee learned that prior to the Petition Date, the Debtor was in the car rental and chauffeuring business. According to the Debtor its business suffered even before the pandemic due to the likes of Uber and Lyft. The pandemic, according to the Debtor was the death knell of the business.
- 4. At the time the Debtor ceased operating and filed the case, the Debtor owned the following four automobiles free and clear (the "Assets"). According to the Debtor, the condition of the all but the Suburban which is listed as good, is poor to fair with high mileage.

2015 Chevrolet Suburban – Black 2015 Toyota Prius – Black 2015 Toyota Prius – Gray 2013 Ford Escape - Black

- 5. The Trustee and Spear met and viewed the Assets and so that Spear could value the Assets for Auction purposes.
- 6. I have determined that the best and most feasible manner for liquidating the Assets is through the employment of Spear.
- 7. Following discussions, Spear and I agreed that it was economically beneficial to sell the Assets and that Spear would move the assets to a safe location where they can be safeguarded prior to the sale.
- 8. As this time, in order to facilitate the foregoing sale, it is necessary for me to employ a duly bonded auctioneer. Upon the granting of this application, I will retain

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27 28 Spear has requested and I have agreed that it may subcontract portions of the work to R.L.

and employ Spear. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is the Auction Proposal ("Auction Plan").

- 9. Notice of this application to employ Spear (the "Notice") is being served concurrently herewith and is being serviced on all creditors parties in interest.
- 10. The Sale will be conducted as an Internet Auction on the earliest date following the approval of the employment to allow for optimal advertising. The advertising will provide that the items may be previewed at 11473 Gladstone Ave., Unit L, Sylmar, CA 91432 prior to the bid close date. Concurrently with filing this Application, I am posting the notice of sale pursuant to Local Rule 6004-2 on the Court's website and Spear will also advertise the sale to the public.
- 11. Based on Spear's review of the Assets, Spear is estimating the auction value of the Assets will be approximately \$25,000.
- 12. Spear has agreed to conduct the Auction as a public sale and in consideration therefore will receive a ten percent (10%) commission from the estate, and a (13%) buyer's premium from the purchasers plus an expense allowance from the estate of not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- 13. As detailed in the attached Auction Plan, the costs include advertising, labor, permits, etc.
- 14. The Declaration of David Spear is attached hereto. Mr. Spear is a disinterested parties within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 101(14). Based on Auctions conducted by Spear for me in other cases and for other Trustees, I am confident that Spear is fully competent to perform the services for which his is being employed. A true and correct copy of Spear's resume is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and his General Auction Bond as Exhibit 3.
- 15. Spear will collect and pay sales tax under its resale license on all sales plus the buyers' premium. As the party collecting the funds, Spear is required by law to file sales tax returns and remit the tax.

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16. The Auction will be an internet only auction. However, prior to the sale the assets will be available to view on a specifically advertised day at set hours at the address above. After the sale, successful buyers will be required to come to the same location (11473 Gladstone Ave., Unit L, Sylmar, CA 91432 ) to pick up their purchases. At all times when the assets are on view or available for pick up, a representative of Spear will be present.

- 17. Assets left at the conclusion of the sale, if any, will be abandoned back to the Debtor.
- 18. I wish to be able to pay Spear in accordance with the procedures set forth in Supervisory Instruction #10. Spear understands that the gross proceeds shall be turned over to the Trustee, along an accounting within 21 days after the sale. Within 30 days of receipt of the Report of Auctioneer, the trustee shall file with the court the Report with a brief Declaration asserting that: the Trustee has compared the Report of Auctioneer to the list of items/lots sold, indicating the Report is satisfactory, and request entry of an order approving the payment of compensation to Spear pursuant to the Notice of Sale and Report of Auctioneer and exoneration of the auctioneer of his bonds.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that I be authorized to employ R.L. Spear Co. Inc. as my auctioneer, for authority for Spear to conduct a public sale, and to pay Spear in accordance with the terms set forth herein upon entry of an Order, and that this Court grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and property.

DATED:April 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Elissa D. Miller Elissa D. Miller Chapter 7 Trustee

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#### STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTEDNESS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PERSON UNDER BANKRUPTCY RULE 2014

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The following information is supplied in conformity with United States Bankruptcy Court,

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Central District of California, Form No. 2014-1]

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Name, address and telephone number of the professional ("the Professional") 1. submitting this Statement:

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R.L. Spear Co., Inc., 5776 D Lindero Canyon Rd., #409, Westlake Village, CA 91362, 818 735-0822

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2. The services to be rendered by the Professional in this case are (specify):

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The Professional will act as auctioneer for the Estate of Simply Hybrid, LLC, Elissa D.

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Miller, Chapter 7 Trustee.

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3. The terms and source of the proposed compensation and reimbursement of the Professional are (specify):

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10% commission from estate: 13% buyer's premium plus costs estimated at not greater than \$2,000.00.

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4. The nature and terms of retainer (i.e., nonrefundable versus an advance against fees) half by the Professional are (specify):

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None.

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The investigation of disinterestedness made by the Professional prior to submitting 5. this Statement consisted of (specify):

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I have carefully reviewed Spear's files and have determined that no conflict exists in connection with this matter. I have determined that Spear does not represent anyone with any interests adverse to the Estate. Further, Spear represents no creditor or other party in this Chapter 7 case and has no interest adverse to the Debtor or the Estate. Therefore, to the disinterested party in the Debtor's Chapter 7 case as that term

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best of my knowledge, information and belief. Spear is a is defined by the Bankruptcy Code.

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The following is a complete description of all of the Professional's connections with the debtor, principals of the debtor, insiders, the debtor's creditors, any other party or parties in interest, and their respective attorneys and accountants, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):

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1	7.	The Professional is not a creditor, an equity security holder or an insider of the				
2		debtor, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):  N/A				
3	8.	The Professional is not and was not an investment banker for any outstanding				
4	0.	security of the debtor.				
5	9.	9. The Professional has not been within three (3) years before the date of the filing the petition herein, an investment banker for a security of the debtor, or an				
6		attorney for such an investment banker in connection with the offer, sale or issuance of any security of the debtor.				
7	10.	The Professional is not and was not, within two (2) years before the date of the				
8	filing of the petition herein, a director, officer or employee of the debtor or of investment banker for any security of the debtor.					
9	11.	The Professional neither holds nor represents any interest materially adverse to				
10		the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders with respect to the matter on which the Professional is to be employed, by reason of				
11	any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor or an investment banker for any security of the debtor, or for any other reason, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):					
13		N/A				
14	12.	Name, address and telephone number of the person signing this Statement on				
15	12.	behalf of the Professional and the relationship of such person to the Professional (specify):				
16		David Spear, R.L. Spear, 5776 D Lindero Canyon Rd., #409, Westlake Village, CA 91362, 818 735-0822				
17	13.	The Professional is not a relative or employee of the United States Trustee or a				
18		Bankruptcy Judge, except as follows (specify, attaching extra pages as necessary):s				
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20	14.	Total number of attached pages of supporting documentation: 11				
21		After conducting or supervising the investigation described in Paragraph 5 above, I				
22	  declar	re under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the				
23	foregoing is true and correct except that I declare that Paragraphs 6 through 11 are					
24	stated on information and belief.					
25	  DATE	ED: _October, 2019 Respectfully submitted,				
26		April 7, 2021 R.L. Spear Co, Inc.				
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### **DECLARATION OF ELISSA D. MILLER**

I, Elissa D. Miller, do hereby declare:

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- 1. That I am the duly appointed Trustee in the above estate.
- 2. I have prepared the foregoing application and know its contents to be true and correct.
- 3. I have read the Declaration of David Spear. I am familiar with the firm and know it to be a competent auctioneer. In addition to the information set forth in the attached resume, I discussed with Mr. Spear, Spear's experience in selling similar assets.
- 4. I am satisfied that Spear is a disinterested persons as defined by the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and that the employment of Spear under the circumstances and terms set forth herein is in the best interest of this bankruptcy estate.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed April 9, 2021, at Los Angeles, California.

/s/ Elissa D. Miller Elissa D. Miller. Trustee

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

## R.L. Spear Co., Inc. 5776 D Lindero Canyon Road, #409 Westlake Village, CA 91362 818/735-0822 fax 805/845-3808 www.rlspear.com

March 23, 2021

Elissa Miller Chapter 7 Trustee

via e-mail: emiller@sulmeyerlaw.com

Dear Ms. Miller,

Thank you for allowing me to inspect the assets of the estate located at 150 W. Ivy, Inglewood, CA. After our inspection of the assets, (4 hybrid vehicles) I believe that a public online auction will maximize return to the estate by liquidating the assets in a timely and efficient manner.

#### **ASSETS**

The assets consist of 4 hybrid vehicles, used in the estate's car rental business.

#### **SCOPE**

Let me briefly discuss our auction process, so that you are aware of considerations concerning time and costs.

Upon employment, R.L. Spear, Co., Inc. will immediately post on its website and several other websites announcement of an upcoming sale of the vehicles.

As soon as practicable, we will transport the vehicles to property controlled by R.L. Spear Co. for storage and sale. We will catalog and photograph all items for posting on our website at RLSpear.com. All estate property will be posted on our website for viewing by interested parties.

Advertising is the most critical component of a successful auction. We will use a three-pronged approach by contacting our extensive buyer base of over 10,000 auction buyers, by

advertising in local and national media, and by targeting those companies most likely to have an interest in purchasing the assets.

The auction will be scheduled at a time and date that best allows proper notice and advertising coverage, while minimizing storage costs. We will work with you in determining a best possible sale date as soon as possible, with the goal of finalizing auction sale in April, 2021.

Upon completion of the sale, our computer will print invoices for every registered buyer against which we will release the merchandise. Nothing is taken before the end of the sale or before the bill is paid in full. A full accounting of all auction proceeds is provided to you. To protect both us and our client all bills are to be paid either in cash, cashier's check, Mastercard or Visa, business check with a bank letter of guaranteed payment, or business check with the client's approval. The checkout process begins after the conclusion of the sale. All vehicles will be transferred to the buyer's within several days of auction sale.

#### **COMPENSATION**

R.L. Spear Co. will receive as compensation 10% of gross receipts. Commission will be deducted from the proceeds of the sale if deemed acceptable by the Court.

We will charge a 13% Buyer's Premium to all buyers at the auction. This is a standard charge that has become customary at auction sales, and auction buyers will be aware that a premium will be paid and retained by R.L. Spear Co.

#### **EXPENSES**

Expenses for this sale, including all advertising, labor, permits, etc., shall be reimbursed to R.L. Spear Co., Inc. from auction proceeds. No outlay of cash will be required from you for purposes of advertising and/or conducting the auction sale. At this time, we estimate expenses at no more than \$2,000.00 which is primarily for transportation, storage and cleaning.

#### **ESTIMATE**

We estimate the value of the 4 vehicles to be approximately \$25,000.00 at a publicly advertised and held auction.

We have found the on-line auction method to be superior for selling inventories and equipment from a return standpoint as well as from a time management perspective. We look forward to another sale in which all parties are well satisfied.

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If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me via cell or email.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

David Spear

David Spear

R.L. Spear Co., Inc.

**EXHIBIT 2** 

# R.L. Spear Co., Inc. David Spear, Auctioneer RESUME

Founded 1963

Incorporated 1973

R.L. Spear Co., Inc. provides services related to asset conversion for general industry, commercial enterprises and estates. Services include outcall auctions, web-cast auctions, internet auctions, closed bid sales, liquidations, appraisals, outright purchases and merchandise sold on consignment.

Auction experience includes 50 years in industrial and commercial auction sales. David Spear has worked in the auction field since 1967, providing auction coordination and logistic services, and has served as head auctioneer since 1989. He has conducted approximately 2500 auctions, locally and nationwide.

Member: National Auctioneer's Association

California State Auctioneer Association

Southern California Auctioneer's Association

Trustee- SCAA 1997-2019, Vice-President 2006-07

President- 2008-2009

Bond: # MS237-58-08 Great American Insurance Co.

Graduate, Missouri Auction School, 2004

All auction records kept by Maxanet Auction Systems

Experience in live out-call auctions, internet auctions, simultaneous live and on-line call auctions, sealed bids, bulk-sale offers, negotiated private treaty sales, estate sales and liquidation sales.

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R.L. Spear Co., Inc. has auctioned assets in many different industries. Typical categories include computers and data processing equipment, printing and mailing equipment, metal working machinery, warehouse equipment, office supplies, office furniture and equipment, restaurant equipment, woodworking equipment, commercial store fixtures and equipment, pharmaceutical equipment, cinemagraphic and video equipment, recording equipment, trucks and heavy equipment, aerospace supplies and equipment, garment manufacturing equipment, automotive parts inventories, vehicles, consumer goods and electronics, estates & household furnishings, test equipment, etc.

R.L. Spear Co., Inc. has provided auction and appraisal services for private and public companies as well as banks, financial institutions, leasing companies, FTC, SEC, FDIC, State of California, State Court, Federal Court, Probate Court, State Court Receivers and Trustees of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

### R.L. Spear Co., Inc.

#### Reference List

James H. Donell Receiver of Citadel Capital 310/ 207-8481

Robb Evans & Associates Receiver for Mowbray Tree Service, et al. Brick Kane Kent Johnston 818/ 768-8100

Byron Moldo Assignee for the Benefit of Creditors, HBS Equipment Corp. 310/ 551-3100

Rob Chute Facilities Coordinator Herbalife 310/ 410-9600 x52160

Ray Wolffe President Bardwell & McAlister Inc. 818/771-1281

Robert Greenfield Warner Bros. Studio Facilities 818/ 954-5690 Case 2:21-bk-11697-BR Doc 30 Filed 05/28/21 Entered 05/28/21 12:10:20 Desc Main Document Page 40 of 05

**EXHIBIT 3** 

BOND NO. <b>999021998</b>	\$100,000.00					
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United States Trustee hereinafter called the Oblig  Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents  Dollars (\$100,000.00) for	und unto the United States of America and/or the					
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LIABILITY UNDER THIS BOND SHALL COM October , 2019 .	MMENCE ON THE 25th DAY OF					
SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED THIS 25th	DAY OF October , 2019 .					
ATTEST:	R. L. Spear Co., Inc. Principal (Auctioneer)					
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The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Principal: R. L. Spear Co., Inc.	
Agency Name: E. R. Munro & Company	Bond Number: 999021998
Obligee: United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of CA	
Bond Amount: (\$100,000.00 ) One Hundred Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents	

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire (herein collectively called the "Company"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint Nadine R. Weilersbacher in the city and state of Pittsburgh, PA. each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of the Company has been affixed thereto this 26th day of September, 2016.

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The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

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On this 26th day of September, 2016, before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as duly o confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney -610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



#### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal Teresa Pastella, Notary Public Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County My Commission Expires March 28, 2021 Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, which is now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

Certificate of Designation – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-infact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature or electronic signatures of any assistant secretary of the Company or facsimile or mechanically reproduced or electronic seal of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney or bond issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Company is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Company this 25th day of October 2019



Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

on any business day

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (specify): APPLICATION BY CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY R.L. SPEAR CO., INC. AS AUCTIONEER; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SALE BY AUCTIONEER AND TO PAY AUCTIONEER UPON CONCLUSION OF SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS HEREOF; STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTEDNESS; DECLARATION IN SUPPORT THEREOF will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) April 15, 2021 I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below: Stephen L Burton on behalf of Debtor Simply Hybrid, LLC steveburtonlaw@aol.com, ellie.burtonlaw@gmail.com Elissa Miller (TR) CA71@ecfcbis.com, MillerTrustee@Sulmeyerlaw.com;C124@ecfcbis.com;ccaldwell@sulmeyerlaw.com United States Trustee (LA) ustpregion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov ☐ Service information continued on attached page. 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: On (date) April 15, 2021, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. ☑ Service information continued on attached page. 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (date) the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. ☐ Service information continued on attached page. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. April 15, 2021 Cheryl Caldwell /s/Cheryl Caldwell

This form is mandatory. It has been approved for use by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION (if needed):

#### 2. SERVED BY U.S. MAIL

<u>Debtor</u> Simply Hybrid, LLC 150 W Ivy Avenue Inglewood, Ca 90302-2907

#### All Creditors

Ali Saman 1824 Fairford Drive Fullerton, CA 92833-1511 Ottmar Benavides c/o Law Offices of Benjamin Davidson 8383 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 830 Beverly Hills, CA 90211-2445 William Becker Attorney at Law 2711 North Sepulveda Blvd Suite 236 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-2725

#### PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400, Los Angeles, CA 90071

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled: **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING ON MOTION [LBR 9013-1(o)]** will be served or was served **(a)** on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and **(b)** in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) April 15, 2021, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

■ Service information continued on attached page.

#### 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (date) April 15, 2021, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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3. <u>SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY. OVERNIGHT MAIL. FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state reach person or entity served)</u> : Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (date), I serve following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declar that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document filed.								
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I declare under p	penalty of perjury under the laws of th	ne United States that the foregoing is true and correct.						
04/15/2021 Date	Cheryl Caldwell Printed Name	/s/ Cheryl Caldwell Signature						

#### 1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF):

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Elissa Miller (TR)
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United States Trustee (LA) ustpregion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov

#### 2. SERVED BY U.S. MAIL

<u>Debtor</u> Simply Hybrid, LLC 150 W Ivy Avenue Inglewood, Ca 90302-2907

#### **All Creditors**

Ali Saman 1824 Fairford Drive Fullerton, CA 92833-1511 Ottmar Benavides c/o Law Offices of Benjamin Davidson 8383 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 830 Beverly Hills, CA 90211-2445 William Becker Attorney at Law 2711 North Sepulveda Blvd Suite 236 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-2725 Case 2:21-bk-11697-BR Doc 32 Filed 05/28/21 Entered 05/28/21 12:10:26 Desc Main Document Page 50 of 61

**EXHIBIT C** 

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In re

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Chapter 7

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES DIVISION

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION BY **CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR AUTHORITY** TO EMPLOY R.L. SPEAR CO., INC. AS AUCTIONEER; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SALE BY AUCTIONEER AND TO PAY **AUCTIONEER UPON CONCLUSION OF** SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE **TERMS HEREOF** 

[Relates to Docket Nos. 15 & 20]

Auction Date: May 11, 2021. 2:00 a.m.

No Hearing Date Required]

The "Application By Chapter 7 Trustee For Authority To Employ R.L. Spear Co., Inc. As Auctioneer; To Authorize Public Sale By Auctioneer And To Pay Auctioneer Upon Conclusion Of Sale in Accordance with the Terms Hereof; Statement Of Disinterestedness; Declaration In Support Thereof" (the "Application") [Dkt. No. 15] filed by Elissa D. Miller, the Chapter 7 Trustee (the "Trustee") for Simply Hybrid, LLC. (the "Debtor") pursuant to which she seeks authority to retain R.L. Spear Co., Inc. ("Spear") came on regularly before the Court.

The Court read and considered the Application and noted that no opposition, objection or request for hearing was filed and finding that good and adequate cause appearing therefore,

#### **HEREBY ORDERS** that:

- 1. The Application is approved;
- 2. R.L. Spear is employed as the estate's auctioneer to auction the estate's assets as set forth in the Application;
  - 3. Spear is authorized to conduct the sale as an internet auction;
- 4. Spear shall be entitled to receive a ten percent (10%) commission from the estate, and a (13%) buyer's premium from the purchasers plus an expense allowance from the estate of not to exceed \$2,000.00 and shall be paid as set forth in the Application; and
- 5. The Trustee is authorized to take any and all other actions necessary or appropriate to auction the automobiles consistent with the Application.

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Date: May 5, 2021

Barry Russell

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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**EXHIBIT D** 

Trustee For Authority To Employ R.L. Spear Co., Inc. As Auctioneer; To Authorize Public

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Sale By Auctioneer And To Pay Auctioneer Upon Conclusion Of Sale in Accordance with the Terms Hereof entered on May 5, 2021 [Docket No. 27] to conduct a sale of the Debtor's personal property consisting of four used automobiles (the Assets.).

- 2. The Auction was duly noticed and conducted by Spear on May 11, 2021.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the auction report ("Auction Report") prepared by Spear in connection with the Auction. The Auctioneer incurred costs commission, buyer's premium, labor, advertising and a bond premium in the total amount of \$15,960.76.

WHEREFORE, Spear requests that the Trustee be authorized to pay it the total amount of \$15,960.76 for costs and expenses incurred as set forth herein.

**DATED:**May

R.L. Spear, Co., Inc.

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## **EXHIBIT 1**

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**Buyers Prem** 

\$ 8,659.00 \$ 1,125.67

\$ 10,400.00 \$ 1,352.00

\$ 8,450.00 \$ 1,098.50

\$ 26,973.43 \$ 3,501.87

Total

\$9,784.67

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	cleaning		\$	100.00									
	advertising		\$	200.00									
	check out		\$	100.00									

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**EXHIBIT E** 

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2. The Trustee is authorized to pay to R.L. Spear Co., Inc. final expenses in the total sum of \$15,960.76; 3. The Trustee is authorized to pay such expenses from the funds in her possession; and 4. The Auctioneer's bond is exonerated. # # # 

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#### PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): <u>TRUSTEE'S RECOMMENDATION RE REPORT OF AUCTIONEER AND COMPENSATION OF AUCTIONEER FEES AND EXPENSES AND EXONERATION OF AUCTIONEER'S BOND</u> will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) May 28, 2021. I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below: Stephen L Burton steveburtonlaw@aol.com, ellie.burtonlaw@gmail.com Krikor J Meshefejian kjm@Inbyb.com Elissa Miller (TR) CA71@ecfcbis.com, MillerTrustee@Sulmeyerlaw.com;C124@ecfcbis.com;ccaldwell@sulmeyerlaw.com United States Trustee (LA) ustpregion16.la.ecf@usdoj.gov Edward M Wolkowitz emw@lnbyb.com ☐ Service information continued on attached page. 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: On (date) May 28, 2021, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. The Honorable Barry Russell Debtor U.S. Bankruptcy Court Simply Hybrid, LLC 150 W Ivy Avenue Roybal Federal Building Inglewood, Ca 90302-2907 255 E. Temple Street, Suite 1660 Los Angeles, CA 90012 ☐ Service information continued on attached page. 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Cheryl Caldwell

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/s/Cheryl Caldwell

Signature

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